



# Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held September 9, 2015 at the Spanish Springs Library at (7100A Pyramid Lake Highway).

**1. \*CALL TO ORDER/ DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT** – Dawn Costa-Guyon, Catherine (Cathy) Gustavson, Ken Theiss, Alison Ormaas, Kevin Monaghan.

**MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused):** James Scivally, John Gwaltney.

**2. \*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Michael Holmes led the pledge.

### **3. \*PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Bradberry said he had a concern and question about RTC. He asked about the lining on Pyramid Lake Highway. He said no one will call him back. Commissioner Hartung said he would discuss it during his update.

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015:**

Ken Theiss moved to approve the agenda for the meeting of SEPTEMBER 9, 2015; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### **5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JULY 8, 2015**

Ken Theiss moved to approve the meeting minutes of JULY 8, 2015; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

### **6. \*PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS**

#### **6a.\*Washoe County Commissioner, Vaughn Hartung's update:**

Commissioner welcomed, thanked everyone and gave a brief update:

- Pyramid Highway: Construction project at Summit. It will be an off ramp at Summit. Roger Pelham said the project is 'right-in' entrance and 'right-out' out of the church. Commissioner Hartung said he doesn't believe they will widen Pyramid Highway.
- Corner of Pyramid and McCarren Project – It's in design stage with eminent domain to take out 72 houses. They will demo the houses. He said Norma's house won't be touched which has been a concern for everyone. There will be some improvements to her property.
- Commissioner Hartung said he went to DC with fire fighters to talk about EMS. He said the guys at station 17 are ALS capable. He said he saw a chest compression unit in DC and they are amazing. It takes the place of a fire fighter. It performs 100 beats per minutes. He said he will fund this with his discretionary funds for station 17. It is \$13,000, but it's worth it. He said he would like to see this on every unit. He said we have a mutual/auto aid with Sparks. They will also benefit from this device. He said we run a 3 man crew in the County. He said he is working on an idea to have 2 man flex crews to assist. He said 80% of the calls are medical calls. He said most of the time you can get by with a smaller crew. The 2-man crew would flex around the region to assist where they can assist. These guys would work during peak times. It's a different model than in the past. We are trying to figure it out. This isn't happening anywhere else. They would not reside in the fire house. He said a safe, secure community is the goal of the County and he is going to ask the Commission to spend the discretionary money on this device. He said he wishes to have two for station 17 and 15 because those are the busiest stations. He hopes another Commissioner will get on board and we can get two. He said we have a fire informational meeting to discuss these things. Within 60 days, we will have one, he said.
- Ken Theiss asked about the working relationship with Reno Fire Department and Truckee Meadow Fire. Commissioner Hartung said we have a mutual aid agreement, but we need an auto aid with them

which is done with dispatch. Auto aid is so important; it looks at proximity, not agency based. He said we are moving towards this. We have this with City of Sparks, but need this with City of Reno.

- John Bradberry asked about the volunteer station at the tribe. Commissioner and Al Rogers said they weren't familiar. But they believed they had a working relationship. Commissioner said we have a relationship with the Wadsworth volunteer station.
- Ken Theiss asked about the egress project at Calle De La Plata. Commissioner Hartung said its \$1.6 million. He said they are not signaling that lane, it's a decel lane. Hartung said he asked Rudy from NDOT if there is some way to have a decel lane onto Calle De La Plata. He said it's a bad scenario waiting to happen. We can mitigate the risk by putting a right hand decel lane in for those going 55 mph. That is reasonable. NDOT came back with alternatives. Signaling that intersection would be \$250K. The geometry would look like Eagle Canyon. Pyramid is paid for through State funds.
- Commissioner said he would like this area to be more equestrian friendly with feed shops and commercial stables and arena. There is a need for boarding horses. As a water saving measure, a developer (Perry) kept the front yard HOA owned, and saved water with landscaping. They saved enough water to build houses. He said he would like to encourage this type of behavior. He said we have asked staff to re-visit our codes in terms of requirement for landscaping for industrial, commercial, and residential. For example, at Eagle's Landing, they are watering lawns in the mornings. Dawn said no body uses that land. Commissioner said they use affluent water to water the park. Commissioner said they are working to change codes, and if they want to get rid of their green, the county will allow it.
- Dawn said she is interested in volunteers to pull the weeds from 7-11 and Moana. Hartung clarified who would give permission. Hartung said we could get the work crew up here, but we need to ask the tribe because it's their property. Al Roger said we can find the resources through CSD.
- Commissioner said he will be back to give an update if we acquire the medical devices. He said his updates are informational, not pressing. He thanked everyone.

Dawn closed item 6am.

## **7. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS –**

### **7a. Variance Case Number VA15-009 (William VanLeuven Garage)**

- Roger Pelham, Senior Planner with planning and development said the applicant isn't in attendance. He said he can address any questions.
- Reducing side yard setback on general rural zoned from 50 feet to 15 feet. Roger said typically the dwelling is 50 feet from the property line. The garage is being attached to the dwelling. The garage will be 15 feet from property line. This is a 10 acre property. No HOA. There is another dwelling to the east/south. There is an undeveloped parcel on the south. The setback variance will be on the south side. Roger said he cannot comment on the engineers report. Roger said the CAB recommendation and engineer report will be part of the consideration of recommendation.
- A CAB Member asked about other similar variances in the same area. She asked if they were approved or denied. Roger said he can't recall similar variances in the vicinity. He said generally speaking, variances in the vicinity don't create precedent. Every property has to be evaluated against the same criteria. If they were approved or denied, it shouldn't come into the evaluation.
- Ken asked about the location and zoning. Roger said Bridal path is LDS. Roger said the GRZ are 10 acres in this area. Ken asked about LDS zoning setbacks (Bridal Path). Roger said its 30ft setback and 12ft on the side.
- Dawn asked about the neighbors' approval. Roger said the 30 closest neighbors will be notified in October.

MOTION: Ken Theiss moved to approve recommendation of Variance Case Number VA15-009; Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to recommend the variance case. Kevin Monaghan abstained. The motion carried in favor of approval.

#### **8. NOVEMBER CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING CANCELATION –**

MOTION: Ken Theiss moved to cancel the November 11, 2015 and reschedule it for November 4. Cathy Gustavson seconded the motion to cancel the November 11, 2015 and reschedule. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Al Rogers said the option to have it on November 4<sup>th</sup> based on what comes through development projects. Roger Pelham said he believes there will be some development projects come through.

#### **9.\*CHAIRMAN/BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

No items were discussed.

#### **10.\*PUBLIC COMMENT**

A Boy Scout spoke about his Communication merit badges and the different rankings with the merit badges required for becoming an Eagle Scout. He said his service project is to clean up the open space near Pyramid Highway. He said there are 55 tires that he will pick up and recycle them. He has to fundraise for the money to pay for recycling. Ken Theiss said he will take care of the tires. Dawn thanked the Boy Scout for his service. Roger Pelham said it would nice if Ken Theiss can write a letter about tire donation. The Boy Scout talked about the additional tasks he has to do to become an Eagle Scout.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT –** Dawn adjourned the meeting at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Moga, Administrative Recorder Services

Number of CAB members present: 5

Number of Public Present: 3

Presence of Elected Officials: 1

Number of staff present: 1